



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Bastian et al.

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EXAMINER: R. Akhavan

Title: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND
PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS ON
SURFACES

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116
AND NOTICE OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.191

Sir:

This paper is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 in response to an Office Action, dated December 23, 2004, in which the Examiner finally rejected the claims in the above-identified application.

This paper is also filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) along with the appropriate fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3).

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.191, a Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith along with the fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(b).

To avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2, below.

Applicants' **Remarks** follow on page 13.